

FARMVILLE HERALD.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1899.

Mr. John D. Branch.

RICH, VA., March 14, '99.
In the death of Mr. John D. Branch, a notice of which occurred in the last week's issue of the HERALD, our community has suffered a great loss. He died on the morning of March 14 at half past 5 o'clock in the home of his sister, Mrs. Archer Bradshaw.

For nearly a year Mr. Branch had been in bad health. Early in '98 he contracted a severe cold which grew worse as the months passed causing his friends great alarm. As the winter came on his symptoms were more unfavorable, and when after Christmas he was confined to his bed. With careful nursing he soon rallied sufficiently to be removed to the home of his other sister, Mrs. Luther Weaver, where for more than a month he received the careful attentions of the family. On March 1st he felt sufficiently strong to attempt the trip to his Bradshaw's, though in his weakened condition it was a difficult undertaking. Here, as in the home of Mrs. Weaver he received every needed attention; though his physician, Dr. Bess, who understood well his condition saw that he was rapidly declining. Sunday morning, after a somewhat restless night, he passed quietly away. It was not granted him to return to his old home, as he earnestly desired to do. The funeral services were held in the Pisgah Baptist church, after which his body was laid to rest in the quiet burying ground of the old home. Just 34 years of life he had seen when he was taken away.

Mr. Branch will ever be remembered by those who knew him as a good man. This is the common verdict. He was endowed with a kindly heart. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to do a favor. A good man, a good neighbor, a good citizen, a good brother, has gone from us and will be greatly missed.

Since 14 years of age he had been a consistent member of the Pisgah Baptist church, having been baptized in '75 by Rev. Mr. Newbill, not more than 200 yards from the house in which he died. He loved his church and was ever ready to do his part in church work. Since the organization of the B. Y. P. U. in this church Mr. Branch had been closely and actively identified with this movement, serving as president at two years, which office he held at the time of his death. The union at its meeting last Sunday appointed a committee to draft resolutions relative to his death.

The community deeply sympathizes with his two sisters who survive him, and in whose homes his last hours were spent.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

A. B. REDD.

Paulett & Paulett have written fire and life insurance extensively. Implicit confidence of their patrons is the cause of it.

Roll of Honor.

Farmville Graded school, week ending March 10, 1899.

Intermediate Department—John Overton.

Still the Sycamore Bottom.

ADRIANCE, VA., March 13, '99.
Editor Herald:—So many have had their say about the roads that I feel like I must say something too. The only sensible way that we are able to fix our roads is to cross-lay all the bad places with pine poles. We have a long piece on our road that was laid with pine poles 30 years ago this spring and it is as good now as when it was first done. So many people seem to think that Sycamore Bottom is the only bad place on earth and want to ruin a good farm by changing the road when a far better road could be made at less cost by cross-laying all the bottom.

We have five places on our 12 miles of road to Farmville far worse than Sycamore Bottom that could easily be avoided by going through some one's farm but we would never think of such a thing. I wish every one showed the noble spirit of T. H. B. It would be the greatest advertisement that the South could have. And with good roads to help it would bring a great many of the best people to buy the land that we do not need and there would be no more cheap land or hard times.

Let every man that owns a wagon, buggy or team pay so much for road tax on same and give our present road commissioners money enough and pure poles and we will soon have no such places as Sycamore Bottom.

Long live the gentlemen like T. H. B.

A FOREIGNER.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on White & Co., Druggists, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

A Shoe Worth Having.

There is a great demand for "Wear-Resistant" shoes made by J. B. Lewis Co., Boston. They are famous for comfort, stability, correct shape and moderate price. "Levis" on every shoe. Get a pair at A. E. Cralle's.

If you want anything in household or school furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Rugs, Pictures or Wall Paper go to Doynes.

THE WATER QUESTION AGAIN.

Town Council Hears Explanation of Water Company—Action Taken—Other Matters.

The town council met last Tuesday afternoon in regular monthly session. There were present Mayor Blanton, Messrs. W. P. Gilliam, H. E. Wall, Chas. Ruz, J. B. Farrar, A. E. Cralle, E. L. Brambert, W. E. Davidson and Dr. Anderson.

The Farmville Water Company whose proper officers had been summoned to appear before the council to show why it had not forfeited its franchise by neglect to keep the amount of pressure in the standpipe as called for in contract were present. Mr. J. P. Andre Mottu, president of the water company, was present and was represented before the council by Mr. Alexander Thom, an attorney of Norfolk. Judge A. D. Watkins represented the interest of the town. Mr. Thom addressed the council for some time, and practically pleaded guilty to the charge of not having had sufficient water in the standpipe one time, but reiterated the palliating circumstances which were given the council at a former meeting by Mr. Corley, the superintendent. Judge Watkins submitted that it be incorporated in the town's contract with the water company that whenever it shall be found that the standpipe has not the required quantity of water a fine of \$100 shall be imposed and for repetition of same offence a fine of double that amount. It was also suggested that instead of any fine being imposed there should be a clear forfeiture of franchise.

Mr. Mottu asked that instead of making the resolution either \$100 fine or forfeiture of franchise that it be made not exceeding \$50 for each offence.

Mr. Thom, whose first remarks to the council were followed by Judge Watkins, closed the speech-making. He said that \$35,000 or \$40,000 had been expended by the water company in putting in its plant here, and it had proved to be a most disastrous investment. The company had attempted to run the works at the minimum cost, the only salaried man being Mr. Corley, who is superintendent, collector and pumper. Mr. Mottu, the president, never received a dollar for his services, and all the receipts have gone to pay Mr. Corley and his assistants, not a cent having ever been returned upon the capital invested. Mr. Thom said the company could not shoulder any largely increased expense. Farmville, the speaker said, gets the entire benefit of this investment, and if the company is criticized, and justly so, it has this to plead in justification namely: They have built the plant and paid for it and the whole revenue is going to somebody else. The highest wisdom on the part of the council is to recognize these cold, powerful business facts and to meet on such treatment to the water company as will be helpful to them.

Mr. Thom said that as a guarantee about the cost and results as he had stated them he was prepared to say if the town believes the water company can be run upon a better basis, and can be managed better, the owners are willing to sell the whole plant at a loss as between \$25,000 and cost, and will take the town's bonds for every cent. He concluded by saying that if one thing was to his mind truer than another it was that any one coming to a community with an enterprise of development should be treated with absolute justice—not that he should have any peculiar rights, but equality and equitable fairness. Then is it right in this light to put an additional cost on the water company without corresponding additional pay?

Judge Watkins suggested that the council should go into executive session to determine what measures to adopt, whereupon Dr. Anderson said he thought it but right and proper that the promoters of the motion upon which the water company was summoned to appear here, should discuss the matter in their presence and not in executive session.

Mr. Bugg then arose and said that the question of profit to the water company from their investment could not be considered by the council. He might have sympathy for them, but having entered into this contract with the town they should meet their obligations even if it be at a loss. There was no question, he said, but that the company had failed to meet them. There was not the slightest ill-feeling, he said, yet he felt it to be the duty of the council to see that the water company's contract is carried out. Mr. Bugg referred to insurance rates which had been reduced on account of the town's contract for water, and told of the helpless condition of the people at the recent fire because of the neglect of the company to have water in the standpipe.

Referring to the reported stagnant condition of the water, Mr. Corley, the superintendent, said the mains were flushed once a month in winter and besides the fire plugs were opened every two weeks. In summer time the dead ends are opened every two weeks. He said the reason the water was not as clear as it used to be is because of the recent heavy snows and continuous rainy weather since. Of course, he said there will, of necessity, be some discoloration to the water, yet he did not think an analysis would show that it was impure, and he did not believe it had ever been so.

Mr. Bugg dissented from Mr. Corley's opinion as to the purity of the water, claiming that the odor which came from it last summer could not have been from pure water. The smell was offensive, he said, and was that of decomposition.

Mr. Thom suggested that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of the town's attorney and three mem-

bers of the council, and thereupon on motion it was left with Judge Watkins and the water committee, who are to report at the next council meeting.

The sergeant made the following report:

COLLECTIONS.
By real estate.....\$ 81.90
By postal estate.....2.22
By food tax.....14.25
By poor tax.....7.28
By electric light.....178.29
By dog tax.....8.35
By population......50
By jail fees.....5.16
By dog tax.....1.00

The treasurer submitted the following for the month:

By balance on hand last report.....\$ 2,854.18
Received from sergeant.....30.00
Total.....\$ 2,884.18

DISBURSEMENTS.
To salary account.....\$ 74.90
To fire account.....31.25
To poor account.....84.42
To electric light account.....86.61
To street account.....8.35
To interest account.....1.15

By balance.....\$ 2,829.00

The following bills against the town were read and ordered to be paid:
O. T. Wicker, electric light supplies.....\$ 30.41
T. F. Noel, police.....31.25
Michael Mfg. Co., warrant book.....5.20
E. M. Shaw, jailer.....18.00
Herald.....1.00
J. B. Russell, police.....31.25
J. D. Smith, janitor.....31.25
Barrow, Vendible & Crute, coal.....1.00
C. M. Tolson, water gauge.....1.00
J. A. Walker & Son, feed.....5.01
J. A. Scott, for street warrants.....8.35
Barrow & Cowan, collie, dog.....8.35
W. T. Doynes, collie, dog.....6.50
A. E. Cralle, room for papers.....15.00

A petition was presented to the council signed by many business men of the town asking that a trestle be built at once from Cumberland bridge to Jenkins' shop. The matter was referred to the Street Committee. There being no other business before the council it adjourned.

Coon Raising.

A farmer out in Ohio has five acres of land on a farm of 400 acres which until now he looked upon as dead capital. He has recently fenced it off and dedicated it to the raising of coons. Of course the fence is under ground as well as above ground and coon-tight all around. He begins the venture by buying 100 coons. This number, he says, will be increased to 500 in one season and so on from season to season.

The skins at a dollar each he estimates will pay well, and he is congratulating himself that he no longer owns a non-productive acre of land. If some Prince Edward farmer can see any money in the venture the bottoms of Appomattox, Bush and Briery can be relied on to furnish the hundred to begin with. The Ohio farmer in speaking of his new departure failed to give the cost of his coon-proof fence, and we have no means of estimating it. The coon business is permissible if profitable.

Horses to be Sold.

Next Monday (court day) I will have a lot of horses and mules suitable for riding, driving and farm purposes, which I will sell at cash figures. This stock will be sold. Come all who are in need of horses.

J. S. WHALEY.

Farmville, Va.

Supervisors Meeting.

The Board of Supervisors did more business at their last meeting than for many months past. Every member was present except Mr. J. M. Venable, from Hampden district, who is sick.

Capt. R. M. Burton was appointed a commissioner to ascertain the probable cost of improving Sycamore Bottom by cross-laying with poles, and also by using rock.

Messrs. R. M. Burton, J. M. Crute, W. H. Thackston and A. D. Watkins were appointed a committee to contract for an iron bridge across Briery on the road from Farmville to Rice Depot, provided the same can be done at a cost not exceeding \$600, and in the event that such bridge cannot be built at the price named, then the committee is authorized to contract for a wooden bridge.

Messrs. G. W. Scott and W. W. Swan were requested to determine the location and ascertain the cost of building a bridge across Buffalo near Calkins' place, on the road leading from Hampden-Sidney to Darlington Heights.

R. M. Burton and W. H. Hubbard were authorized to purchase one pair of mules for the road machine.

It was ordered that the roads this year shall be worked commencing at Farmville and leading out by Hampden-Sidney.

R. M. Burton, W. T. Blanton and W. H. Hubbard were appointed a committee with authority to take such steps as they deemed necessary to prevent the introduction of smallpox and its spread in the county.

The Board of Trustees of the public schools was on motion requested to order all children attending school now vaccinated at once.

News From Travels.

TRAVIS, VA., March 11, '99.

Editor Herald:—Rev. E. M. Dowley, the former pastor of Pisgah and Sharon churches, with his wife, came up from Richmond and spent several days with us last week, before moving to their new home in Caroline county. Their short stay with us was greatly enjoyed and highly appreciated, and my doors are ever open to them and will gladly welcome them whenever it is in their power to visit us. He left on the 9th and will take charge of his field at once. The good people of Bowling Green and Upper Zion churches are fortunate in securing Bro. Dowley as their pastor, and hope the work of the Lord may prosper in his hands, and much good be accomplished through his ministry. Our best wishes and prayers attend them in their work.

T. H. B.

Buckley's Aranea Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by White & Co.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Your crowded life has then no place for me? Your busy day for me no little hour?

I cannot tell my love with eloquence, As others use—I can but feel loves power.

The silence of the stars must speak for me! The gray, slow dawn when sleepless night has fled!

The quiet muses where the sea comes in! A conqueror, though none have heard his tread!

Give me the lonely hours, the silences, The quiet musings by the marshy shore, One moment's thought when all the world's asleep!

Give me but these, and I'll not ask for more.

Good tobacco is selling well in our market.

Farmers are shipping tobacco from near Lynchburg to our town.

Mr. J. Berman is north buying his spring and summer stock of goods.

Miss Fannie Wells, who has been visiting friends in Petersburg and Manchester, returned home last Tuesday.

We hear that Mr. D. T. Elam continues to improve. His friends hope much to see him out in the near future.

The trial of Thos. W. Price for the murder of Mr. Hall Carter will probably come off at the April term of our county court.

Mr. J. W. Traver, formerly of South Boston, has removed his family to Farmville. Mrs. Traver and the children arrived here Saturday.

Mr. J. Berman, who lately opened store in Farmville, has his family with him, they having joined him here last week. Their residence is at the district parsonage.

The School Board of Trustees of Buckingham county, has been asked to exclude from school some children, who are said to be refugees from a place infected with small pox.

Our streets, filthy with mud, make a most lamentable commentary upon the town which in years past was considered one of the cleanest places to be found anywhere in the South.

If the farmers of Prince Edward were to meet just now to discuss the road question something of practical value would come out of it. In October the object lesson is not so impressive.

Not even has there been the suspicion of a case of small pox in Farmville, and now that nearly everybody has been well vaccinated fears need not be entertained of the disease taking a hold upon our people.

The Governor will be asked by petition of some of Buckingham county citizens to offer a reward for evidence that will cause the detection of the party or parties who burned the storehouse in which old Mr. Payne lost his life last fall.

Dr. Spencer has been in attendance upon Buckingham county court this week as a witness in the trial of Allen Epps. Dr. Spencer testified as to the sanity of the prisoner. The prisoner was ably defended by Col. R. T. Hubbard and prosecuted by Hon. H. D. Flood.

There seems to be a misunderstanding among cattle dealers as to the established line of quarantine for cattle, some thinking James river constitutes the line through Albemarle, while others contend that the Virginia Midland railroad is the line established by the government.

The work of cross-laying the roadway leading from Cumberland bridge this way is about the only remedy the town could apply to the present bad state of that highway, yet we think a more satisfactory improvement would be a trestle similar to the one on the other side of the bridge.

The HERALD received a good addition to its subscription list at Buckingham C. H. Monday. We are near enough to Buckingham people for every one of them to be a subscriber, and we shall continue to hammer away at them on each court day until all are readers of the HERALD.

Don't fail to plant something in the garden just as soon as the ground is dry enough to work, but be sure it is dry enough before you stir it at all. Worked too wet at this season of the year and it will give you trouble all summer. And then don't plant many things until the ground has some warmth in it.

Governor Tyler on Saturday appointed the following members of the Board of Visitors of the State Normal School, at Farmville: Willis A. Jenks, of Portsmouth, to succeed the late Mr. Glenman, of Norfolk; Judge J. M. Crute, of Farmville, to succeed the late P. W. McKinney, of Farmville; W. U. Kennon, of Sublett's, to succeed the late H. H. Harris.

Mr. M. S. Feldman, of Covington, Va., requests the HERALD to announce to its readers that he is soon to open a store in Farmville. He will carry clothing and general merchandise, and will keep in the house now occupied by Mr. L. J. Verser. Mr. Feldman will come to us well recommended for fair and honorable dealings, and we bespeak for him a very liberal share of the public patronage.

Among the people visiting and trading in town this week were W. B. Shepard, Henry Pateson, R. H. Glynn, Buckingham county; Floyd Wheeler, R. H. Cheate, Appomattox county; George Adams, J. E. Clarke, J. W. Blanton, Cumberland county; T. P. Singleton, R. T. Rice, John J. Gilliam, Thos. Bruce, Capt. T. T. Pettus, Prince Edward county.

The town council are careful of what is sewered into Grocers branch, and exacts the promise of all persons running pipes to that stream that they will not empty anything of injurious nature—that is, the council say not anything but clean water shall be piped into it. By permission of the council given Tuesday afternoon Mr. J. B.

Farrar will run a pipe from his store to the branch.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Radwin have moved to Manchester where in the future they will reside.

Monday will be county court day, but so far as we know there will be nothing of importance before his honor.

The ladies will give an oyster, meat and sweet supper tonight at Richardson's store for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

Just as soon as you begin to think that there is no one quite as fine as yourself, then at that moment you can test assured that there are others.

"Private Secretary," as played by the Hampden-Sidney Dramatic Club in the Opera House Friday night, was very pleasing to a large audience. The acting was far above the average amateur—in fact we have witnessed inferior presentations from professional actors.

Vaccination is all important just now. If reports of smallpox in some of our sister counties be true, then the of Prince Edward Board of Supervisors are extremely desirous not to have ordered compulsory vaccination. One case of that disease would cost more than the vaccination of an entire district.

Lost.

A black and white setter dog. Strikingly handsome, with black head and large black spot on body. Answers to name of Ned. Any information leading to its recovery will be highly appreciated. WALTER H. ROBERTSON.

During 1898 the fire losses of our agency amounted to \$90,000—all paid dollar for dollar. It had not occurred to us to say much about it. No one is the least surprised we paid up promptly. A never thought of doing anything but pay. That is what we are in the business for.

PAULETT & PAULETT.

Death of B. H. Walker.

It is with unfeigned sorrow that we announce the death of Burtie B. Walker, who breathed his last early and peacefully on Friday night, at 3 o'clock, February 17th, 1899, in his 42nd year of age. He had been quite sick for several days though his physician and friends did not apprehend any serious result. His death was sudden and unexpected to his many friends. It may be truthfully said of him that he had not an enemy on earth. He was candid, generous and unselfish. He spoke ill of none, and yet while his bright life has seemingly gone out, it has only been transplanted to bloom and grow in Heaven. He was a noble man, an honest man, a humble, pure Christian man. For years he had been a member of the Presbyterian church, having joined at Brown's church, Cumberland. The bereaved family may well grieve over the devoted husband and father, but they grieve not as those without hope, for while "Burtie" may never again come to them they can go to him where parting will be no more.

He leaves a deeply distressed wife who was Miss Jane Allen, and two noble boys, Ben and Burton, to mourn his loss, and the large concourse of friends who followed his remains to the old family burying ground at the late Captain Ben Allen's, Cumberland county. Mr. Walker leaves an aged mother, three sisters and two brothers. He has a brother in Farmville, Mr. W. D. Walker, who was heard to say, he had always looked upon him as one of his own children.

All of us loved "Burtie" but God loved him more than we did.

A few appropriate remarks were made at the grave by the Rev. Walter Foster, after which the remains were laid to rest, there to await the resurrection morn.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon His love had given,
And though his body moulders here,
His soul is safe in Heaven.

HIS FRIEND.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Menstrual. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at White & Co.'s Drug Store.

Many life companies are as good as ours. You do not buy the company, it is the contract you want, and we have the advantage there.

PAULETT & PAULETT.

A cablegram has been received announcing the death in Rome, Italy, on Saturday, of Mrs. Catherine G. Robin, formerly Miss Robb, of Warrenton.

Doynes has a full line of Furniture for parlor, chamber, dining-room and nursery. Consult him before you buy from others.

Geo. B. Seord, the well known contractor of Towanda, N. Y., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for a long time and have found it superior to any other." For sale by Cunningham Drug Co.

No-To-Bac For Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

Don't Cough.
"There is no better way to get rid of your cough than by keeping it," says an exchange. Some people seem to think that they can get rid of a bad cough in the same way. Keep your cough and you will soon find it necessary to keep something worse. Better invest a quarter in a bottle of David's Cough Syrup—the remedy that cures when others fail.—For sale by Winston & Gray.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Backache and headache free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cassell's Candy Cathartic. 50c or 25c. If C. C. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money.

HERALD and World only \$1.50.

Present-Day Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

A Washington Centennial.—If American faith in Washington is deeper than mere words, there will be this year two occasions for showing to his memory the respect, the veneration that it deserves. One hundred years ago, at peace with all men, happy in the administration of his property, busy in correspondence on momentous subjects and profoundly blessed in his home life Washington though in full vigor of rugged age was ripening for the harvest of death. His day was done December 14, 1799, and because it was well done we should see to it that in every community there is this year a restudy of the man who stands head and shoulders above all others who participated in laying the corner-stones of the republic.

To be born is no unusual human experience, neither is it unusual to die. The value of a life is reckoned solely by what the individual fills into the gap between two commonplaces. There is so short a cry for some of us, between "the two silences," that life and what we do with it becomes strangely urgent matters. Washington says in one of his letters: "Idleness is disreputable under any circumstances—productive of no good even when unaccompanied by vicious habits." Like a sane man, he partook of his own advice; and the chief impression left by a close study of the man, his thoughts, his acts, his writings his influence is that his life was a full one—filled with healthy endeavor wherever it pleased Providence—in whom he believed most devoutly—to place him.

Another charm of his character was that his energy was always well directed. To some of us who are over-enthusiastic and, perhaps, nervously constituted, the awakening to a sense of "individual responsibility to Almighty God," as Daniel Webster expressed it, tends to the attempt to do anything and everything around us clamor for attention. There comes in the need for poise of character, preventing us from first an impetuous dash in this direction and then an ignominious retreat in another. "One thing I do," not "twenty things I dabble at." One fire in a noble heart may well serve to heat one iron—too many irons will put the fire out. Surely along such a line of thought, Washington was a marvel of self-possession. He was not hastily in his acts and therefore not defeated; he was not swift as a sea-hawk in his decisions and therefore he was never out of sight of those who followed him; he was not abnormal in his intellect and therefore not erratic; he was not a fierce partisan and therefore not dragged into the unseemly squabbles of his day. The grand old man of England, whose full life ended so gloriously and so recently—Gladstone—has said this of Washington: "I look upon Washington among great and good men, as one peculiarly good and great. He has been to me for more than forty years a light upon the path of life." It means that great hearts are greater than national bounds—that he who lives right, he who lives unselfishly, he whose words speak out grand aspirations belongs not to a nation but to humanity. In which respect Washington has no advantage over the humblest of us who have open hearts for noble impulses.

It seems almost a coincidence that our thoughts should have been directed last week towards Lincoln and his actions in relation to the slave conditions of the United States. If we call him the emancipator, Washington should be called the great pre-visionary. In 1789 he wrote: "It is among my first wishes to see some plan adopted by which slavery in this country may be abolished." Again in 1797 he wrote: "I wish from my soul that the Legislature of this State could see the policy of a gradual abolition of slavery. It might prevent much future mischief." Alas, the mischief did come, the wince of a nation's blood was trodden in righting a wrong, and the abolition came when even those who benefited by it were agonized and dazed at the light of liberty around them. Washington's great dream and comparatively modest bequest was for an anti-slavery national university. This would have brought a better understanding where there should have been no misunderstanding. The dream is not too late for fulfillment, and supreme efforts for carrying out Washington's idea to the full should be made during this centennial year of his death.

Washington's sword was mighty—his pen was mightier. His sword